

URGENT – PLEASE READ!!

Effective July 1, 2006, the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005 requires states to document United States citizenship and identity. All applicants, whose applications are processed on or after July 1, 2006, who declare themselves to be United States citizens must provide proof of citizenship and identity in order to be approved for Medicaid. All current recipients who have declared they are United States citizens will have to provide Medicaid with proof of United States Citizenship and Identity at the time of their annual review of eligibility in order to remain eligible for Medicaid. Applicants and/or recipients who cannot provide such documentation after a good faith effort, may request further guidance from their Medicaid eligibility worker. This policy does not apply to aliens who have not declared themselves to be United States Citizens. Please include proof of your citizenship and identity when you send in your application, renewal or annual review form.

Documents Needed for Proof of Citizenship and Identity

**Each person must provide either: one item from List A, or
one item from List B and one item from List C.**

List A. These documents establish citizenship and identity:

- A United States passport, or a Certificate of Naturalization (DHS Form N-550 or N-570), or a Certificate of Citizenship (DHS Form N-560 or Form N-561).

List B. These documents establish citizenship only:

- A Certified United States birth certificate,
- A Certification of Report of Birth (Form DS-1350), Consular Report Of Birth Abroad (Form FS-240), or Certification of Birth Abroad (Form FS-545),
- A United States Citizen Identification Card (Form I-179 or Form I-197),
- An American Indian Card with a classification code "KIC" (Form I-872),
- A Northern Mariana Identification Card (Form I-873),
- A Final Adoption Decree with the child's name and United States place of birth,
- Evidence of civil service employment by the United States Government (before June 1, 1976)
- Official Military record of service showing a United States place of birth (example, Form DD-214).

and

List C. These documents establish identity only:

- A state-issued driver's license (within the United States) with a photograph of the individual or other identifying information of the individual such as name, age, sex, race, height, weight or eye color,
- Identification card issued by the Federal, State, or Local government (within the United States) with a photograph of the individual or other identifying information of the individual such as name, age, sex, race, height, weight or eye color,
- A United States Military card, Draft record or Military dependent's identification card,
- A school identification card with a photograph of the child (for children under 16, school records may include nursery or day care records),
- A United States Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card,
- A Native American Tribal document or Certificate of Degree of Indian blood or other United States American Indian/Alaskan Native tribal document (must have photograph or identifying information).

All documents must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agencies.

Copies or notarized copies may not be accepted.

Medicaid eligibility will not be awarded until required documentation is provided.